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###UPDATE###

CALTRANS AWARDS CONTRACTS TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

CENTRAL COAST – Caltrans has announced that two local small businesses have been awarded contracts worth \$2.3 million to perform storm-related repairs on Hwy. 1 in Monterey County and Hwy. 166 in Santa Barbara County.

Rockwood General Contractors of Nipomo received a \$305,000 emergency contract to replace a culvert on Hwy. 166. Windsor Construction of Cambria received \$2 million to repair Hwy. 1 north of Ragged Point. Both of these areas were damaged by recent storms.

In addition, small business owners will benefit from Assembly Bill 31, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2010, allowing state agencies to raise these award contracts from \$147,000 to \$250,000 for Small Business (SB) or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE). John Madonna Construction of San Luis Obispo was recently awarded \$100,000 to improve landscaping on Hwy. 101 in the Goleta area.

"Our goal is to award all minor contracts under \$250,000 to local small businesses," said Ann Danko, Caltrans District 5 Small Business Manager.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.



